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1. Brandenburg (Z-23)

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b. Artillery officers and their dependents occupy the quarters of former prison employees. The penitentiary itself is alleged to house NVD arrestees.

c. The Landesanstalt is the site of Redeployment Camp 226 [] and a "Traineeinheit" []

d. The hospital is not occupied. Its administrative buildings house Soviet officers and their dependents to a total of 300-400 persons. A transport unit with German trucks []

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e. The artillery barracks [] are entirely occupied. []

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g. The Mitteldeutsches Stahl- u. Walzwerk is being dismantled. Its administration building is believed to house the airport komendatura. A sign pointing to this building reads: KO3 KV3 MEHKOEA. The Opel compound, next to the Walzwerk, is used as a dump for guns, vehicles, and other German Army equipment. It is guarded by German police armed with carbines.

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h. Neuendorf airfield contains a Soviet Air Force school []. At the field are approximately 3,000 SAF troops and 1,000-1,500 officers and dependents. There are forty fighters resembling the HE-111. [] Two hangars are in good condition, two others have been damaged or dismantled.

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- i. Neuendorferstrasse prison, opposite Nikolai Cemetery, houses the main operative MVD group of Brandenburg. Guards number 80-100 men.

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- j. Excelsior-Werke, Wilmersdorferstrasse: supply depot and repair shop for communications equipment, firearms, spare parts. The repair unit of 200-300 men

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- k. Kloster Barracks: Wirtschaftskomendatura

- l.

- m. Estimated Brandenburg strength: 10,000 military, 2,000 dependents.

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2. Briest (Z-13)

- a. Aircraft: approximately fifty planes resembling the ME-109 and ten RATA types.

- b. [redacted] bombardier school with 800 men.

- c. Runways are being lengthened and covered with concrete. Training includes firing on tow sleeves. Prescribed altitudes are not observed, with the result that exercises take place near the Berlin air lift corridor.

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3. Kirchmäser (Z-12)

- a. The tank repair unit of about 2,000 men

[redacted] In addition to repairing tanks for Russian Zone troops, the unit repairs others from Kaliningrad, Brest-Litovsk, and the Russian interior. It is rumored that the depot will be shifted to Kaliningrad in the near future.

- b. Among the Kirchmäser depot's customers are the following

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Halle
Brest-Litovsk
Weimar
Velten

Eberswalde
Ludwigslust
Jüterbog
Ludwigslust

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4. Signal Corps troops in camouflaged trucks [redacted] were seen in the Görden area (Z-23) about 1 August. Four overhead field lines were set up between Görden and Rathenow, and it was expected that maneuvers would shortly take place in the Brandenburg-Rathenow area.

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